

Fatalgram



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A 29 YEAR OLD CONTRACTOR TRUCK DRIVER WITH 15 YEARS MINING EXPERIENCE AND 9 MONTHS AT THIS JOB, WAS FATALLY INJURED WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO STOP A RUN AWAY TRUCK. THE VICTIM HAD PARKED HIS TRUCK ON A MINUS 4 TO 5 PERCENT GRADE ABOUT 260 FEET FROM A TRUCK THAT WAS BEING LOADED. AFTER SETTING THE TRUCK PARKING BRAKE HE EXITED THE TRUCK AND WALKED A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY TO TALK TO THE SHOP FOREMAN. THE VICTIM FAILED TO SET THE TRAILER BRAKES AND BLOCK THE WHEELS. WHEN HE NOTICED HIS TRUCK STARTING TO MOVE DOWN THE GRADE, HE RAN AFTER IT TO ATTEMPT TO STOP IT. THE VICTIM WAS RUN OVER BY BOTH SETS OF TRUCK DUALS AND THE DUALS ON THE FIRST OF TWO TRAILERS. THE TRUCK STOPPED WHEN IT COLLIDED WITH THE TRUCK BEING LOADED.

MEANS OF PREVENTION:

MOBILE EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED UNLESS THE BRAKES ARE SET. MOBILE EQUIPMENT WITH WHEELS OR TRACKS, WHEN PARKED ON A GRADE, SHALL BE EITHER BLOCKED OR TURNED INTO A BANK OR RIB.

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"Preliminary Data"

Death Toll		Period Covered: January - February		
Year	Underground	Surface	Mills	Total
1988	0	1	2	3
1989	3	5	2	10

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